conversation with members, they referred to the dissolution of Parliament as prob-

M, FLOQUET CALLED A LIAR.

Exciting Session of the French Chamber of

Deputies-Duel Barely Averted. Paris, Dec. 11 .- The ecclesiastical controversary caused a great disturbance in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. M. Hubbard introduced a motion condemning the hostile attitude of the clergy and demanding that steps be taken for the separation of church and state. M. Fallieres, Minister of Justice and Public Worship, in replying to the motion, commented at length upon the conduct of the Archbishops of Aix and Bordeaux. In response to an interruption M. Floquet, president of the Chamber, said that Pope Pius IX had given his authority to Freemasonry and was himself a Freemason. M. De Cassagnac and M. Baudrey D'Asson in-stantly jumped up and called M. Floquet a liar. A tremendous uproar ensued, lasting fully ten minutes. The members of the Right, shouting at the tops of their voices, hurled various opprobrious epithets at the members of the Left, who responded with equal vigor. Cries of "infamous," "abominable," and the like were freely exchanged. Bishop Freppel shouted that M. Floquet's charge was a calumny and a slander. Comte De Mun cried that M. Floquet's words were insulting and false. Throughout the uproarious scene M. Flo-quet remained perfectly calm. When the clamor had subsided he simply remarked that the Chair was powerless to deal with fits of madness. M. Fallieres, resuming his speech, said that the government was op-The Ministry, he continued, would shortly introduce a bill dealing with associations which will apply equally to religious and secular communities. He added, however, that this bill must not be regarded as a prelude to the separation of church and state. The debate was adjourned.

It is reported that after the debate M. Floquet and M. De Cassagnac appointed seconds, but that M. Clemenceau interfered and succeeded in preventing a threatened duel. It is the general opinion among members of the Chamber of Deputies that to-morrow's debate may be critical as reto the dissatisfaction of the members of the Right at the Cabinet's announcement of its intention to introduce a bill dealing with | un capital, and that there is no circulation religious associations. The members of of money. The nobles are unable to collect their utmost to produce a Cabinet crisis.

LORD DUFFERIN HONORED AGAIN. Appointed British Embassador to France-

His Gifted and Pretty Wife. LONDON, Dec. 11 .- Lord Dufferin has been appointed British embassador to France, in place of the late Lord Lytton.

Probably no English statesman is known better throughout the world than the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. His brilliant career of uniform success is almost without a parallel in the annals of politics and diplomacy. As orator, administrator, diplomate, author and man of the world, this remarkable man has attained equal distinction. Lord Salisbury recently recognized



Marquis of Dufferin and Ava. Lord Dufferin's political value as an adher-

ent and supporter of the present Tory Ministry by appointing this nobleman Warden of the Cinque Ports, and now another honor has been added.

The Marquis of Dufferin is fortunate in having a wife who stands pre-eminent in the aristocratic society of Great Britain as a hostess and entertainer. Lady Dufferm is about to publish her Canadian Journal, in which she will relate her experiences as mistress of the Vice-regal Palace in Ot-



Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

tawa. Some time since the Marchioness made a hit by her book entitled "Our Viceregal Life in India," and it is expected that her second venture in authorship will at least equal, if not eclipse, the success attained by her first publication.

Frederick Temple Blackwood, first Earl of Dutterin and first Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, was born in 1826, educated at Eton College, and succeeded his father as fifth Baron Dutterin and Claudeboye. He began his career as a lord in waiting on Queen Victoria in 1846. His diplomatic triumphs were begun in 1855, when he was attached to the Austrian mission. In 1860 he was British commissioner in Syria, and entered the Cabinet as Under Secretary for ndia in 1864, becoming Under Secretary of War two years later. In 1872 Lord Dufferin was appointed Governor-general of Canada, and his administration of that office showed him to be possessed of wonderful tact, persuasiveness and breadth of view. Since leaving Canada, in 1878, Lord Dufferin has been British minister to St. Petersburg, Constantinople and Rome, and also Viceroy of India. Lord Dufferin was created an earl in 1871, since which time his peerage has been raised to a marquisate.

STORMY BRITAIN, John Bull's Isles Again Swept by Furious

and Destructive Gales. LONDON, Dec. 11 .- If any people were ever disgusted with the weather it is the English. England has frequently been visited by severe storms, her geographical position being such that she is particularly exposed to the gales coming in from the Atlantic or from the German ocean, but not within the memory of any of the inhabitants has the country been subjected to such long continued and heavy gales as has swept over the land within the past two or three months. The storm which set in Wednesday night subsided for a time, like its predecessors which did such a vast amount of damage, but the diminuation in the force of the gale was only temporary. in a short time the wind beto increase in velocity and is now blowing with renewed vigor. storm does not alone England. It is raging with equal violence in Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and the damage which has been done will amount to many thousands of pounds. The losses

the small craft-fishing-boats and vessels engaged in the coastwise trade-are the principal sufferers. Many of these vessels were unable to claw off shore, and were dashed upon the beaches, where heavy seas soon broke them up. Much wreckage is being cast up along the banks at the lower part of the river Mersey, and fears are entertained for the safety of the vessels which

sailed from that port yesterday. Storms and floods have so weakened and undermined the ancient and massive walls by which the greater portion of the city of Chester is inclosed that portions of the old Roman structure have been swept away. Three more underwriters engaged in the marine-insurance business have concluded to withdraw, as their losses have been very heavy, and yesterday they tendered their resignations. This makes a total of seventeen underwriters who have withdrawn from the Society of Lloyds within a few weeks, and the effect upon ship-owners and shippers is not at all reassuring. The extent of the business done by Lloyds may be imagined when it is stated that the value annually insured amounts to more than \$40,000,000.

Hundreds of Chinese Drowned. London, Dec. 11.-A dispatch to the Times from Singapore states that a severe gale prevailed at Hong Kong on Dec. 4. A large number of Chinese vessels were destroyed. and hundreds of Chinese sailors and laborers engaged about the harbor were drowned. Enropean and other vessels lying at Hong Kong suffered little damage.

RUSSIA'S DISTRESSFUL STATE.

All Classes Discouraged Over the Prospec -Famine Funds Frittered Away. LONDON, Dec. 12 .- The Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent says: "Matters here are drifting from bad to worse. The whole energy of the Department of Finance seems centered in manipulating funds on the Berlin and Paris exchanges. Despite reports of gold imports, the Imperial Bank returns do not show an increase. There is nothing to show whether the gold is locked in the war chest or what has become of it. All classes are discouraged because of the half-heartedness of the measures taken by the government to cope with the famine difficulties. The consequences of the famine are only beginning to be realized. Merchants complain that the prohibition of grain exports has locked pay what they owe shop-keepers. The cessation of court festivities causes

dire distress to small tradesmen. The famine funds have been frittered away by local authorities. The grand remedial measures exist only on paper. Complaints of enormous expenditures on the army and navy have been taken advantage of by those unfriendly to the government. The whole empire appears to be a seething mass Rev. Mr. Francis, the pastor of the Britsh and American church, in an interview

after his tour of the famine districts, said he believed that the full horrors of the terrible affliction were yet to be described.

NOT HIS FIRST LOVE.

Wales's Son Declared His Passion for a French Princess Before He Met Victoria Mury.

[Copyright, 1891, by the New York Associated Press.] London, Dec. 11 .- The arrangements for the marriage of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale was, it is understood, discussed by the Cabinet to-day. Although the act of 1889 bars a special grant to the Duke, the Ministers hold that a dowry can be voted to Princess Victoria Mary. The Prince of Wales will visit the Queen at Windsor on Monday to state the intentions of the Ministers.

Although March 10 has been announced as the wedding day, the Prince of Wales to-night authorized the statement that the ceremony might take place earlier-probably on Feb. 10-the anniversary of the Queen's marriage. The Prince of Wales will himself publicly announce the day when it has been definitely fixed. Mr. Gladstone and wife called at Marlborough House to-day to their congratulations on the betrothal. Mr. Gladstone merely signed his name in the visitors' book, but his wife had an interview with the Princess of Wales and conveyed his good wishes. The Queen gave a dinner at Windsor to-night to the Duke of Clarence, Princess Victoria Mary and the whole Teck family, who will leave the castle to-morrow.

The only current stories that the be-trothal is due to the Duke of Clarence's persistent love under great opposition do not agree with court reports. On the con-trary, it is known that the Duke of Clarence has long been enamored of Princess Helene of Orleans, and that two years ago personally declared his the Comte d'Paris and the assurance that Princess Helene reciprocated his love, and that both her father and mother approved the match. Princess Helene then went to Rome to put the question of a change of religion, as an absolute necessity, before the Pope, who told her that it would be impossible that such a change could obtain his re-motest sympathy. The position remained unsettled until Prince George became ill, when the Queen and Prince and Princess of Wales became alarmed over the chance of the Duke of Fife nearing the throne. Pressure was then put ipon the Duke of Clarence and Avondale on every side, family and cabinet reasons being adduced against an alliance with the

house of France. This pressure led to his acceptance of Peincess Victoria Mary, for whom he has shown a consinly liking. The Queen has promised a dowery to the oride. Although apartments in St. James's Palsee are being prepared as the first home of the pair, Clarence house, now occupied by the Duke of Edinburg, is designed as their future residence. The royal family ook forward to the permanent abode of the Duke of Coburg on the death of the aged nnele. On the occasion of the coming marriage the Queen will raise the Duke of Teck and his children to the dignity of "royal

highnesses." They are now simply "highnesses."

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Members of the Parneilite Faction Seeking Possession of the Paris Fund, LONDON, Dec. 11 .- Mr. Justin McCarthy, as sole surviving trustee of the Paris fund, has been served with a writ at the suit of Messrs. Timothy Harrington, John Redmond, Clancy O'Connor Kenny and Richard Laler, all of whom are members of the Parnellite section of the Irish parliamentary party, who claim that the funds are subject to a trust in favor of themselves and other members of the National League. The petitioners request the removal of Mr. McCarthy from trusteeship and pray for the appointment of a proper trustee. Mrs. Parnell is included in the writ as co-defendant as administratrix of her husband's estate. Mr. McCarthy, when spoken to in regard to the action brought against him, said that no proceedings in an English court could affect the control of the funds. He stated that his own suit against Mr. Munroe, the Paris banker in whose custody the funds were placed by the trustees, to recover the money will be reached by Easter. Mr. McCarthy declared that he did not entertain the slightest doubt as to the success of

Little Girl Assaulted and Strangled. LONDON, Dec. 11 .- A most terrible crime came to light to-day at Brighton, Edith Jeal, a five-year-old girl, was sent to a shop with her brother last night. While the boy was purchasing the articles he had been sent to buy, little Edith remained outside. When the boy came out of the shop his sister had disappeared. He searched for her for a time, and not finding her concluded that she had returned home. When he reached home he told his parents of the occurrence. They, too, searched every-where for the child, but without success. The police were notified, and this morning they found Edith's body under a shed in a cricket field. The little girl had been most horribly maltreated, and then strangled. A man named Wood has been arrested for the crime. He has been identified by a number of children as the man who tried

to entice them away. Amnesty to Political Offenders. PORT-AU-PRINCE, Dec. 11.-The governby the destruction of telegraph, and tele- ment has finally taken a step which has phone and electric-light lines are very heavy. The poles and wires are again been in contemplation for some time and which has been the subject of much deliber-

ation on the part of President Hippolyte and his Cabinet. This is no less than a proclamation yesterday evening by the President announcing a general amnesty to political offenders.
This carries with it the liberation of political prisoners now in enstody in the various prisons of the republic. The proclamation has met with great favor. Perfect tranquillity prevails. The issuing of the proclamation is taken to indicate that President Hippolyte feels absolute confidence in the strength of his position, and that he has no fear of the recurrence of the deplorable events of a few months ago.

American Pork Defended by Caprivi. BERLIN, Dec. 11 .- In the Reichstag to-day Chancellor Von Caprivi said, referring to the complaints by certain German porkproducers as to the alleged discovery of trichina in pork imported from the United States, that Germany ought not to doubt the good faith of the United States in the matter of exercising checks upon the export of the diseased pork. Herr Kardoff censured the government for making too many concessions to the United States, which country, he said, reciprocated by sending pork infeated with trichiniasis to Germany.

Chancellor Von Caprivi replied that Germany had no right to question the word of faith of the United States, which government would doubtless take every precaution in the future to prevent the exportation of infected meat from that country.

Thinks Harrison Will Apologize to Chili. LONDON, Dec. 12.-The Times coreespondent at Valparaiso says: "President Harrison's message is certain to produce a painful impression. The small American colony is highly indignant at the action of the American representatives, which they declare to be due to personal motives, gambling in exchange, etc. Nobody had the slightest idea that such misrepresentations as those sent to America by the wholesale at the end of October could have been transmitted, much less indorsed by President Harrison. It is hoped that Congress will demand all of the documents, when the real truth will come out, and a message of apology from President Harrison will be neces-

Oyster Beds Polluted by Sewage. LONDON, Dec. 11.-Some alarm has been caused in Dublin by the allegation that oysters set on a tidal bank a few miles from the city are not healthy, having been polluted by sewage carried over the bank by the in-coming tide, and that typhoid fever may be traced in one instance to eating the oysters. The subject is one of considerable interest, as other oyster beds are known to be liable to similar pollution from the sewage of cities and towns.

Cable Notes. The French Senate and the tariff committee have agreed to compromise imposing a high import duty on cotton yarns, tempered by a draw back on exported tissues. Among the passengers on board the steamer City of Chester, which sailed from Queenstown Thursday for New York, were Rev. Mother Gabriel, Sister Evangelina and nineteen lady postulants. They are on their way to Houston, Tex.

Paris dealers in art, who have had a good trade with Germany, complain that the German authorities, in enforcing the laws against immoral prints, etc., seem to show a prejudice against prints and pictures of French origin, and that in Alsace-Lorraine particularly the law is strained to injure French trade and divorce the people from

THREE KILLED IN A WRECK.

Sad Collision Between a Freight and Construction Train Near Murphysboro, Ill. St. Louis, Dec. 11 .- A collision occurred last night, at Mountain Glenn, near Murphysboro, Ill., on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, between a freight and construction train. At the general office here it is learned that three persons were killed and nine injured, one of them fatally. The following were killed: Engineer Flippen, of the freight train

Simon Olsen and J. Miller, of the work The injured were: J. S. Applegate, chest injured and both legs fractured, wil probably die: Logan Dixon, right arm and collar bone broken, scalp wounded; James Elliot, right shoulder injured William Gregory, badly hurt about body and hands; John Massey, scalp wound and injured about chest; Dennis Godfrey, large gash in head, left shoulder sprained injuries considered serious. James Bain and Charles Winters were more or less in-

The ceroner's verdict places the blame on engineer Citler, of the work train, who failed to flag his train as he was ordered.

Three Killed at a Crossing. CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-Two women and an infant were instantly killed at Homewood, this evening, by a Big Four express train on the Illinois Central tracks, and one woman just escaped a similar fate. Those killed were Mrs. Mary Witt, Mrs. Anna Gotschalk and the infant child of the latter, while Mrs. Witt's sister-in-law, Augusta Witt, was only saved by throwing herself from in front of the train. The three women were caught in the dusk on the track, just outside the village, returning home after a visit during the day with friends.

Singular Accident Near Weeping Water. OMAHA, Neb., Dec.11.-By the explosion of a keg of powder at the stone quarries near Weeping Water John S. Swanson was blown up and landed senseless just above a charge of dynamite, the fuse of which had already been lighted. Gus Anderson tried to rescue Swanson, but the dynamite exploded and both men were hurled a considerable distance. Swanson's right arm and leg are badly mangled, but he will recover. Anderson escaped with only slight injuries.

Packing Establishment for Louisville. LOUISVILLE, Dec. 11 .- J. H. Cudahy, the Chicago pork-packer, has bought here the plant of McFerran, Shallcross & Co., together with the Magnolia brand of hams, the plant of Hughes, Taggart & Co., in East Louisville; also twenty-three acres of ground south of the city. On this site he will erect a packing-house and stock-yards. He proposes to make this his chief distributing point for the South and will ship from here to foreign ports. He expects to have a plant with a capacity of one million hams a day. He paid Hughes, Taggart & Co. \$30,000, and for the twenty-three acres

Not Approved by the Judge. LAKE PROVIDENCE, La., Dec. 11 .- To-day a case of larceny was tried. The prisoner, George McGowen (colored), was charged with stealing a box of cigars. The proof was ample and conclusive, but the colored jury brought in the following verdict: "We, the jury, find the criminal not guilty," whereupon the judge turned towards the jurors, and said: "Gentlemen, I discharge you from further service as jurors because of your misconduct and incompetency. This is the first dismissal of the kind that has ever been formally made here.

Fight Prevented by a Governor.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 11 .- Joe Tansey and Dan Eagen had arranged a prize-fight, to come off seven miles from Milwaukee, to-night, and two hundred sports had bought tickets at \$5 each. This evening Governor Peck came to town, and person ally ordered the sheriff to prevent the mill The principals were warned not to break the law. At midnight the plan is to leave the city for the State line, between Milwankee and Chicago, at 3:45 in the morning.

Will Wear Caps and Gowns. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 11 .- One hundred and thirty-two men, or about twothirds of the senior class of Yale, have voted in favor of caps and yowns, and they will be worn on commencement day. Information is advanced on the Yale campus to the effect that everything pertaining to the receipts of the Yale-Princeton game has been satisfactorily settled, and that each college will receive \$14,000.

Movements of Steamers. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-Arrived: land and Illinois, from Antwerp. LONDON, Dec. 11.-Sighted: Columbian and Durham City, from Boston; Lydian Monarch, from New York.

To purify Your blood Take Hood's Sarsaparilla. HORRIBLE OUTRAGE.

Molten Metal Poured in the Eye of a Sleeping Colored Woman-Her Child Barned.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 11 .- The wife and infant child of Albert Coleman, colored, were the victims to-night of a most diabolical outrage. She and her child were asleep when some unknown person entered and poured molten lead in her ear, and spattered a large quantity of it on the child. The woman's ear is burned out, and the physicians think she will die. The child is terribly burned, but may recover.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Property Destroyed at Various Points-Several Barns Burned in Indiana.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 .- Fire this afternoon destroyed the Thomas dye-works, Sheerer's asphaltum-works and the lumberyard and building occupied by the California Motor Company. John O'Neill, foreman of a fire-engine, was struck on the head by a falling cornice at the motor company's building, and it is thought his skull is fractured. Engine No. 3 collided with the dummy of a cable car and a firemen was thrown to the ground and killed. The loss on the dye-works is estimated at \$75,000; insurance, \$10,000. The California Motor Company's loss is \$50,000; insurance,

CICERO, Dec. 11.—Fire last night burned the barn of Joseph Mitchell, four and onehalf miles southeast of this place. The fire was discovered about 8 o'clock, but had progressed too far to be controlled. The entire contents, excepting three colts, were consumed, including four head of horses, three cows, 250 bushels of corn, farming implements, buggies, carriages and harness. The loss is estimated at \$3,000; insured. It was supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

the subject has heretofore been made the object of thorough investigation, but in this work they are fully and exhaustively treated. No financier ever undertook a

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 11.—The missing men supposed to be in the ruins at the burned candy factory returned to their homes yes-terday, and the record closed with eight lives lost in the Menne's building and four in the Boone Paper Company's. The search has closed. The total property loss is now placed at \$500,000.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 11 .- To-day the residence of Conrad Zoller, a mile south of Muncie, was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Zoller being absent, his wife bravely secured part of the household goods. The loss will amount to \$1,200, with but little insurance. Canse unknown.

Noblesville, Ind., Dec. 11.—The barn on the farm of Joseph Mitchell, four miles northeast of this city, was burned last night, together with contents, including seven horses and several cattle. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$300. The fire had an incendiary

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Harvey Batterman's dry-good store, at Graham and Broadway, Brooklyn, caught fire at an early hour this morning, and the stock and building were damaged to the extent of \$45,000; insurance EMINENCE, Ky., Dec. 11.-Fire which

originated in the Constitutionalist office shortly after midnight destroyed a block of twelve frame buildings. Estimated loss, \$25,000; partly insured.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Secretary Foster continues to improve slowly, and was able to sit up for a short time this morning. Three lads at La Harpe have been arrested for robbing a store, and are in jail in default of bail. They had been reading

The sixteen alleged Anarchists who were caught in the raid on Grief's Hall, at Chicago, several weeks ago, and were fined. have appealed their cases to the Criminal

dime novels.

Over two hundred steerage passengers are detained at the barge office, New York, on suspicion of being contract laborers. Seventy-five laborers stated that they were bound for Pennsylvania. Ten cars loaded with cattle were wrecked at the crossing of the Santa Fe and Union

Pacific tracks at Abilene, Kan. Two long trains crashed into each other. One of the brakemen was injured fatally and other trainmen were less seriously hurt. The injunction suit brought by Robert Lindblom to restrain the Chicago Board of Trade from expelling him as a member for sending market quotations to the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange, was dismissed yesterday. The dismissal was on a stipulation

signed by both parties.

which have resulted in recent years in so many valuable historical discoveries. Miss Charles Manley, a noted burglar, on trial and description, and is able to invest the at Pittsburg for robbing eighteen houses, walked quietly out of the Criminal Court subject with a wealth of Egyptian lore, which gives it special interest. The book is printed and bound in very handsome room there yesterday morning, and has not been recaptured. His case is remarkable, as the court-room was crowded at the time. Manley is wanted in Chicago and several other cities for robbery. James Johnson, colored, was hanged at Elizabethtown, N. C., yesterday in the

presence of three thousand people. Johnson committed a criminal assault on Florence Sutton, a colored girl ten years of age, and then murdered her. He confessed the crime when arrested, but protested his innocence on the gallows. The commercial war now raging between anada and Newloundland will be consid ered by the Dominion Cabinet to-day. There are grave doubts whether the pro-

posed extra duties can be levied on Canadian products, as the act relates to countries whose fishermen have access to Newfoundland waters in which Canadians are not accorded the privilege of fishing. Dates of Race Meetings Next Year. NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- At a meeting of the

board of control of the governing body of recognized racing associations in the East the following dates were alloted for next

Spring Meetings-Brooklyn Jockey Club Monday, May 6, to Saturday, May 28; New York Jockey Club, Monday, May 20, to Friday, June 17; Coney Island Jockey Club, Saturday, June 18, to Saturday, July 12; Monmouth Park Racing Association, Monday, July 4, to Thursday, Aug. 25. Fall Meetings — Coney Island Jockey Club, Saturday, Aug. 27, to Saturday, Sept. 10; Brooklyn Jockey Club, Monday, Sept. 12, to Friday, Sept. 30; New York Jockey Club, Saturday, Oct. 1, to Saturday, Oct. 15.

Deeds of Desperadoes. SHINGLE SPRINGS, Cal., Dec. 11.-The office of the Wells-Fargo Express Company of this place was robbed last night by two masked men, who covered the agent with pistols and compelled him to surrender the keys of the safe. The robbers secured only watches and \$90 in cash, and then fled to the hills. The sheriff and a posse are in pursuit.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 11.-Shortly after midnight last Monday night a gang of negroes forced open the door of the railway station at Linwood, Ark., and compelled agent Ed Bryant to give up two express packages, one containing \$500 and the

Business Embarrassments.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- Francis Baker and Wendel Baker, composing the firm of Francis Baker & Co., dry goods and commission merchants of this city, to-day assigned to Welcome S. Jarvis without preference. Debts, \$250,000.

Maiden lane, made an assignment to-day to

Davis, auditor of the disbursements of the

LOOK at Marcy's lovely holiday stock.

two years.

is an adaptation of Sir Thomas Malory's famous work to the readers of our own NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- A deficiency judgday, his obsolete phraseology and crudities of style being reduded to modern English. ment for \$95,594, against the Knickerbocker Brewing Company, in favor of Henry W. Poor, was filed to-day in the county clerk's and his tedious parratives abridged, while the antique flavor of his work is fully preoffice in this city. served. This part of the work has been well done by Charles Morris, author of NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- Charles P. Beckwith, broker and dealer in oils at No. 153

Authors." It is published in attractive Joseph A. Berger, jr., without preferences. etyle by the J. B. Lippencott Company. Obituary. "Chatterbox" is an annual publication NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 11 .- Mr. A. Ruswhich is no doubt looked for and longed sell Duncan, a prominent citizen and memfor by the juvenile world and by grown-up ber of the firms of Duncan & Gaines and McCrea & Co., died at his home, No. 1511 people who seek to delight the juveniles. Broad street, at 7:30 this morning. Its excellent reading matter and its bright PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.-Thomas

place among holiday books for little peo-Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died at ple. Illuminated board covers, \$1.25. Boshis residence to-day. Mr. Davis was sixty-one years old and had been in the employ ton: Estes & Lauriat. of the Pennsylvania road for the past forty-Mr. Fred A. Ober, author of the "Knockabout Club" series, and who by the way, has recently been appointed by the World's DIAMOND Bracelets, new styles, at Marcy's. Columbian Exposition special commis-LOVELY Shell Hair Ornaments at Marcy's.

are liked by the juveniles. This one is handsomely illustrated. Illuminated

board covers, \$1.50. Estes & Lauriat.

BOOKS OF THE SEASON.

Received through the Bowen-Merrill Company

A work of real historic value is "The

Financier and the Finances of the Ameri-

can Revolution," by William G. Sumner,

of Yale University. The financier, of

course, is Robert Morris, who easily ranks

as the first American financier of that

period. The book contains a biography of

him and a complete and connected account

of the financial operations resorted to by

the revolutionary government to raise

funds, float its obligations and maintain

some degree of credit. Neither branch of

more stupendous task under more appalling

assumed the responsibility of chief finan-

miliar with the details of the situation and

of his work. This work enables the reader

to do that, and gives him a comprehensive

view of the whole subject. It shows great

research, and is written in a clear, attract-

ive style. It makes two large volumes, which are issued in handsome style by

Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, the price of

being \$5.

the two volumes, in cloth with gift tops,

"Ben-Hur" needs no introduction to

Indiana readers. Its fame has become a

part of the State's heritage and will con-

tinue to be as long as English literature

survives. Harper & Brothers have issued

a new "Garfield" edition of the book,

which is a marvel of perfection and beauty

in the book-making line. "Ben-Hur'

abounds in "local color," and this edition

is illustrated on that idea. The numerous

full-page plates are photogravures of the natural and architectural landmarks

which still remain in the East to bring the

background of the Savior's life forci-

bly before the modern traveler. The

margin of every page bears two or three pictorial notes, done by W. M.

Johnson, in the shape of sketches of uten-

sils, weapons, coins, costumes, furniture, landscape and buildings. These illustrations are very artistic. There is an excel-

lent frontispiece portrait of the author and a fac-simile of the letter from General Garfield, in which he wrote "With this

beautiful and reverent book you have

ightened the burden of my daily life."

This edition of the work is in two volumes,

One of the really interesting and valua-

ble books of the season is "Pharaohs,

Fellahs and Explorers," by Amelia B. Ed-

wards, the celebrated English Egyptolo-

gist. Miss Edwards is one of the best-

informed persons living in all that relates

to ancient Egyptian life, and the modern

excavations and discoveries in that coun-

try. The present work contains, with

large additions, notes and references, the

substance of a course of lectures on an-

cient Egyptian subjects recently deliv-

ered by her in this country. It is a wonderfully interesting story of ancient

Egyptian life and of the explorations

Edwards has a delightful style in narrative

style, is profusely illustrated with original

drawings, and has an excellent alphabet

ical index. There is a fine trontispiece

portrait of the author. Harper & Brothers.

"House and Hearth," by Harriet Prescott

Spofford, treats a variety of social topics

connected with married life in a series of

short and well-written essays under such

chapter-headings as "The Maid Herself,"

"The Bridal," "Marriage," "Bondage and

Burden," "The Allowance," "The Rela-

tions," "The Unhappy Wife," "The Old Wife," etc. It is a book that will interest

Dodd, Mead & Co. publish "A Rose of

Hundred Leaves," by Amelia E. Barr, au-

thor of "Jan Vedder's Wife," etc. This is

s genuine love story. The sentiment is

pure and tender, and the action of the

story carries a sustained interest to the

Lovers of New England life and scenery

will find much to interest them in a vol-

ume entitle "Land of the Lingering Snow,"

by Frank Bolles. It purports to be the

chronicles of a stroller in New England,

from January to June, the record being a

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"Art and Criticism" is the title of a collection of monographs and studies by Theodore Child, most, if not all of which have appeared in Harper's Monthly Magazine. They are critical essays on different artists and phases of art, illustrated by copies of their works. The illustrations are numerous and of the highest order of artistic excellence. The author dedicates his work to "The Cultivated Women of North America," but there is no reason why it should not be equally enjoyed by cultivated men. It is published by Harper & Brothers in a style that should make it very acceptable as a gift-book. Lady Dufferin, whose husband was Gov-

ernor-general of Canada, appears as the author of a work entitled "My Canadian Journal." It consists of extracts from her letters home, written during here residence in Canada, in 1872-73, the letters being in the form of a daily diary. The volume is an interesting one, not only from the prominent station the authoroccupied in Canada and in India, nor from the sconspicuous literary skill displayed, but also from the fact that the journeys mentioned show us the Dominion at a very interesting stage of its development. D. Appleton & Co. One of the handsomest publications of

the season is the Romanesque edition of Bulwer's great novel. "Rienzi, the Last of the Roman Tribunes." The work itself needs no introduction. This edition, published by Estes & Lauriat, Boston, is in two large volumes, beautifully printed on heavy paper and bound in white vellum cloth. The illustrations constitute a striking feature of the work, being monochromes and photogravures from nature. Add to these features gilt top and uncut leaves and we have a very attractive piece of book-work. The two volumes come in red paper covers, snugly incased in a red

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The Risks Were Too Great. NEW YORK, Dec. 11. - Insurance people are still talking about the withdrawal of the Home Insurance Company from the pool. President D. A. Heald, of that company, spoke freely or the subject to-day: "This company, said he, "has simply canceled certain risks on the cotton-bearing roads in the South There has been such a tremendous crop of cotton that has piled sky high so that it would not be possible to reach much of it in case of fire. The railroads have been working their men night and day in the effort to transport the cotton, and can you wonder if the engineer falls asleep beside his machine? Is it strange if the help falls asleep and the cotton burns up? That is just the situation. The risks have increased four-fold, and not the rate of insurance. In ten months. in some cases, the losses have doubled the premiums. In the Northwest the phenomenal grain crop has congested the elevators and the railroads also. Of course this increases our risks. No, I cannot say anything about any action we may take on the situation in the Northwest."

Uncle Jerry Rusk's Tavern.

Milwankee Sentinel. A Montana man writes to the New York Sun, over the initials "P. S. W.," to say that Uncle Jerry Rusk is not and never has been a farmer, but that he used to keep tavern at Oshkosh. "P. S. W." should go down to Dwight, in Illinois. where Dr. Keeley professes to cure the trouble with which "P. S. W." appears to be afflicted. Secretary Rusk bas a beautiful farm in Vernon county, in this State, as described and illustrated in the Sunday Sentinel. He never kept tavern at Oshkosh, but he did keep a sort of tavern in Vernon county, and possibly "P. S. W. was one of his guests-that is to say, Uncle Jerry was sheriff and had charge of the jail. But it is not to anybody's discredit to have kept a tavern at Oshkosh in the old days when "the boys" were in the vigor of early manhood. To commune with the boys in those days was a liberal education. There was more of brains in an early Oshkosh tavern than of anything else, except good whisky and fun. As Private Mulvaney says: "Oh, the times that was-the times that was!"

Cannon-Ball Found in a Piece of Wood.

Muncle Times. The Muncie Pulp Company make their product from soft wood that is shipped here from points along the Mississippi river. The wood, after arriving here, goes through a process at the mill where it is first chopped up in shavings and then boiled into pulp. Yesterday while one of the oig machines was hacking away on block of timber it suddenly stopped. An investigation was and a grape-shot was taken from the chopping-box. The bail measured about three inches in diameter, and was in a good state of preservation. It is supposed to be a shot fired during battle in the late war, which imbedded itself in a tree, and finally found its way to the pulp-mill in the timber shipped from the South. It is highly prized by the pulp-mill boys as an interesting relic, and will be preserved as a memento of that memorable conflict.

John A. Logan Seriously Ill. Youngstown, O., Dec. 11 .- John J Logan, jr., is critically ill at the residence of C. H. Andrews, on Wick street, where he resides with his family. Recently he was attacked with la grippe, followed by the formation of an abcess pear the base of the brain in the right side. Telegrams were sent to Washington to-night calling Mrs. General Logan and Dr. Ritchie, a specialist, who are expected to arrive here early to-morrow. His condition to-night is regarded as serious.

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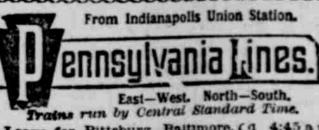
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